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It will thus be seen that the past year has been the severest in the Presidency since the outbreak of plague. According to the census of 1901, the population of the Presidency is 18,481,362.

*Report from Calcutta—Transactions of service—Cholera and plague mortality.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Eakins reports, June 30 and July 7, as follows:

During the week ended June 25, 1904, bill of health was issued to the steamship *Briez Huel* bound for Boston and New York with no passengers and a crew of 43. The effects of the Lascars were disinfected and fumigated, and rat guards were kept on wharf lines while the vessel lay at dock.

During the week ended July 2, 1904 bills of health were issued to steamship *York Castle* bound for New York with captain's wife and child as passengers and a crew of 42, and steamship *Goodwin* bound for Boston and New York with a crew of 58 and no passengers. The effects of the Lascars were disinfected and fumigated, and rat guards were kept on wharf lines while the vessels lay at dock.

During the week ended June 25, 1904, there were 22 deaths from plague and 19 from cholera in Calcutta. In Bengal, for the week ended June 18, there were 162 cases and 159 deaths from plague. In all India, for the week ended June 11, there were 9,112 cases and 7,762 deaths from plague.

During the week ended July 2, 1904, there were 9 deaths from plague and 20 from cholera in Calcutta. In Bengal for the week ended June 25 there were 100 cases and 95 deaths, and for the week ended July 2 there were 58 cases and 56 deaths from plague. In all India for the week ended June 18 there were 6,851 cases and 5,929 deaths from plague.

ITALY.

*Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Plague prophylaxis on board ship—International Medical Congress at Lisbon—Rat extermination at Naples.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Eager reports, July 18, as follows: During the week ended July 16, 1904, the following ships were inspected at Naples and Palermo:

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.	Number of steerage passengers recommended for rejection.
July 12	Napolitan Prince .....	New York .....	168	34	310	11
16	Germania .....	do .....	219	55	450	11

PALERMO.

July 11	Calabria .....	New York .....	32	20	60	8
13	Napolitan Prince .....	do .....	185	60	200	17